

## REWARD SERVICE WITH FAT PLACE

Postmaster-General Usually Man Who is President Maker.

## SOME EXCEPTIONS ARE POINTED OUT

Rule, However, For Many Years Has Been "To Thus Honor Men Most Active in Bringing About Success of Chief Magistrate."

BY WALTER EDWARD HARRIS.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., August 24.—The more or less general impression prevailing that the office of Postmaster-General is the perquisite of the man most conspicuously active in promoting the election of the successful candidate to the presidency is correct. Henry C. Payne, Mr. McKinley's Postmaster-General, was an illustrious and luminous example of the working of the rule.

Scarcely less striking as an illustration of this practice of Presidents to look upon the office of Postmaster-General as that of chief patronage dispenser for the administration was Mr. Roosevelt's appointment of Mr. Cortelyou, in a short time after the latter, as head of the Republican committee, had conducted a campaign which landed his chief in the White House by a margin unprecedented in late years.

And, incidentally, the fact may be mentioned that while Mr. Cortelyou has for some months now been at the head of the Treasury Department, his word goes further than anybody else's, the President's excepted, in the selection of applicants, not only for postal positions, but for all other places under the administration.

Two Exceptions.  
It is also proper to state that two notable exceptions to this rule of making the "P. M. G." the dispenser of patronage under the President was Mr. Cleveland's appointment of William L. Wilson, and President Harrison's appointment of John W. Wamamaker. For while Mr. Wilson, as leader of the Democratic majority in the House of Representatives, had occupied the most prominent position in the party, it was in the campaign which resulted in the election of Mr. Harrison, his reputation as a business man was so well known that it was sufficient to secure his appointment, and it is but simple justice to say that there has probably never been a better administration of the affairs of the department than under his direction.

Another exception to the rule was the appointment of Mr. Wamamaker as Postmaster-General. He was a member of the Cabinet, and the dignity was only bestowed then to gratify the desire of President Jackson, who wished the honor for his personal friend, William L. Barry. But Mr. Wamamaker's appointment had been several distinguished men at the head of the postal service. Barry was a Kentuckian, and a member of a distinguished family. He sustained the latter day conception of the Postoffice Department, and in charge was freely made that he made it a political machine. He was fiercely assailed by both Democrats and Whigs in Congress.

Among Barry's most persistent assailants was a Mr. Johnson, member of the House from Maryland. His denunciations of a son of the Postmaster-General sent the member a challenge, which was accepted, but before the meeting took place the challenge was withdrawn. President Jackson finally made a handsome offer to appoint Barry Postmaster to Spain.

Great Politician.  
Amos Kendall was appointed to succeed Barry as head of the Postoffice Department. Kendall is entitled to rank as probably the greatest politician America has produced. Theodore Roosevelt alone excepted, Kendall was a member of Jackson's famous "Kitchen Cabinet," and was known as the "thinner, planner and doer" of the administration. He was a writer of fat more than ordinary force and power, and a most consummate political organizer. Like his predecessor, he was bitterly assailed in Congress by men of all parties. During his administration a mob at Charleston, S. C., took the mail from the post-office and burned it because it contained copies of Northern papers. Kendall refused to reprimand the postmaster, who was charged with having connived at the destruction of the mail.

After Kendall's death he became impoverished, and his family brought against him by mail contractors whose contracts he had arbitrarily canceled. He afterwards became a partner of Morse in his telegraph invention and in the New York Tribune. He was a man of great energy and founded the institution for the education of the deaf and dumb in this city. First Postmaster-General under the constitution, may well claim the title of father of the postal system, although he served but a short time. He was among the first of the patriots to take up arms to resist the authority of the King, and commanded a company at both Lexington and Concord. He was succeeded by John Joseph Pickens, and later Joseph Habersham, of Georgia, became Postmaster-General, serving under Washington and the first Adams.

Man of Great Force.  
When John Jay became President he called to the head of the postal department Amos Granger, of Connecticut, who served longer than any other man in the office. He was a man of great force, and his administration was marked by the fact that he followed Granger became known as the "Silver Gray" from the flowing white hair of his leader. He was a man of brilliant parts, but his service as Postmaster-General was so short that it gave him no opportunity to distinguish himself.

Return Jonathan Meigs, the successor of Gideon Granger, was one of the really great Postmaster-Generals. He came from a family that has furnished



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plays the liveliest two-step of any band-master we know. Come to our store and hear his latest composition, entitled "When You Know the Goods You Seek, Seek You."

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## Jacobs & Levy.

the country many men of great note as lawyers, physicians, scientists, and soldiers. It was from good Revolutionary stock, his father having accompanied Arnold on his expedition into Canada, and was with Mad Anthony Wayne at the storming of Stony Point. His name, like that of his scarcely less distinguished son, was in the annals of the nation, and an interesting story is told of how the peculiar cognomen was introduced into the family. The father of the first Return Jonathan, so the story goes, was desperately in love with a pretty little Quakeress, and asked her hand in marriage several times, only to be as often refused. Finally he proposed, and on being again refused he started to leave, declaring she should see his face no more.

Ohio Gives Another.  
This appears to have softened the little Quakeress, for before Jonathan got out of hearing distance she called after him, "Return, Jonathan." Of course Jonathan returned and a marriage soon followed. The first little Meigs that made his appearance was promptly christened "Return Jonathan," in memory of the words which had brought his father back to happiness. Madison's Postmaster-General had won great distinction as Governor of Ohio during the War of 1812. It is mentioned in passing that there has always been a Return Jonathan in the Meigs family. The Return of the present day occupying a prominent position is clerk of the Supreme Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia.

Another famous great Postmaster-General in the person of John McLean, who was born in Vermont. He was distinguished as a lawyer, was elected to Congress in 1812, and was afterwards a member of the State Supreme Court. He became Postmaster-General in 1822, and especially brought the department up to a high state of efficiency. In recognition of his services Congress, by a unanimous vote, increased the salary of the office from \$4,000 to \$6,000. McLean was the only one holding high office when Jackson became President whom old Andy allowed to continue in the public service. Jackson was so desirous of retaining McLean in the service of the government that he successfully offered him the post of Secretary of War and of the Navy, both of which were declined, but when he offered to appoint McLean to the supreme bench the offer was promptly accepted, and the appointee became one of the greatest jurists who ever sat on that bench.

One of the Best.  
One of the best Postmaster-Generals the country has ever had was Cave Johnson, of Tennessee, appointed by President Polk. He was a man of great force and resourcefulness, and was afraid to assume responsibility. Prior to his administration the mails between this country and England had been uniformly carried in vessels flying the British flag. American ship-owners were competing with those of Great Britain for the ocean-carrying trade. In fact, the American clipper ships became famous, and more than once defeated steam vessels in races across the Atlantic.

Johnson was a thorough American, and gave orders that all American mails destined for England be sent in American vessels. This angered the British postal authorities, and it was ordered that an extra twenty-five cents be charged on all letters coming into the country on American ships. This was in the days when the recipient paid the postage, and the tax was thus easy of collection.

But Johnson was undismayed, and promptly issued a retaliatory order that every letter coming into the country on a British ship should pay an extra twenty-five cents. Postage between the countries was already twenty-five cents per half ounce. The additional twenty-five was more than the laughter, but also thirty Britons could be paid, and the result was a postal treaty between the two countries. It is needless to say that the action of Johnson was entirely without warrant of law. But the country applauded. During his term he increased the salary of the office, and the department, and greatly improved the service.

A year or two later he had been for a score of years one of the most distinguished editors of Tennessee when he was made Postmaster-General by Mr. Buchanan, and had achieved the title of platform writer for many years. He was in the writer for platform was in the days when party platforms were written in better style than they are at present. Brown served until the break-up of the Buchanan administration, just prior to the termination of the Buchanan administration.

Sup to the South.  
When John Jay became President he selected David M. Key for the Postmaster-Generalship, thinking to excite thereby the approval of Southern people, as Key was a Tennesseean. But the tastes of Mr. Key, who was in the direction of administrative office, and during his term he allowed subordinate to manage the affairs of the department, and he was succeeded by another Tennesseean, Horace Maynard, who had remained loyal to the Union, and whose property at Knoxville had been confiscated by the Confederates.

General Horatio King was the man to rise from an inferior position in the Post-Office Department to the rank of Postmaster-General. When President Buchanan's Cabinet was reorganized, King was made Postmaster-General. He was the first member of the right of succession, Mr. Key being the only other man who has risen from the place in the Post-Office Department to be head.

About the most illustrious Cabinet

any President ever had was that of Mr. Lincoln. His Postmaster-General was Montgomery Blair, of Maryland, a man of some ability, probably, an able politician, but of most disconcerting ways. He wanted to have a say in everything and with everybody connected with the administration. He managed to persuade President Lincoln to let him make a visit to Lincoln during the war. Mr. Blair did not during the balance of his life cease to be vexed and worried by that visit, which caused many headaches and a great deal of trouble. He antagonized Chase, and ridiculous as it may seem, that great statesman out of the Cabinet.

John Wamamaker was the first Postmaster-General to be taken from the ranks of the business men of the country. He introduced many reforms and advocated others. He is generally looked upon as the father of the postal administration that we have today. He introduced the idea of conventions of discussing reforms for the postal service.

## IDLEWOOD BILL.

Great Vaudeville Performance in Open-Air Theatre This Week.  
Richmond pleasure-seekers will have an opportunity this week to enjoy one of the best vaudeville bills ever put on in Richmond at popular prices. For next week three big headline acts are in the program, each one a feature in itself, and the three together form a group by a bright, particular set in their chosen professions.

First and foremost will be the McBeans. In a sensational juggling act, Manager Lewis readily won the following telegram from his New York booking agents on Friday afternoon: "Next week's bill the best you ever had. McBean's greatest act now in vaudeville. Golden and Hughes are immense. The Four Savanas are top-notchers. Feature McBeans and play bill as strong as you like."

Every theatre-goer in Richmond knows Billy Golden, of Golden and Hughes. Those who have not seen him in person have doubtless heard him in his great "Turkey in the Straw" song, which is numbered among all phonographic collections. The Four Savanas are representatives of the Mikado's kingdom, and are sent here to give a few weeks' act. They are able to please and astonish. They are acrobats, and present a turn that cannot fail to please. The very latest in motion photography will complete the bill.

The combination tickets, which were placed on a few weeks ago, have struck the popular fancy, and many are taking advantage of the opportunity to visit Idlewood and its many amusement devices at a little over one-half the regular cost by buying the combination tickets. These tickets, which will be on sale for a few days, are a regular grand free sacred concerts, and the regular Saturday matinee in the stadium will be given.

## WORK OF CITY FATHERS.

A Busy Week Is Ahead for the Councilmen.  
The meetings of City Fathers scheduled for the week are as follows: Monday at 8 P. M. three committees will be in session. The Committee on Printing and the Committee on Public Works. The Committee on Ordinances, Charter and Reform may have a very lengthy sitting. The proposed new liquor license law and the extent to which discussion, pro and con, may carry the meeting, no mortal can tell. In session the committee on the subject of a telephone exchange for the City Hall. Tuesday night the Board of Aldermen will hold forth, and while the City Council will be in session, the City Hall will be holding a meeting in a side room.

Wednesday night at 8 o'clock the Committee on Water and Sewerage will be in session. Thursday night at 8 o'clock the Committee on Water and Sewerage will be in session. Friday night the St. John's Cemetery Committee will hold a meeting at 8 o'clock at the same hour (8 P. M.) the local Assessments Committee will be at work in the City Hall.

## EAGLE CLUB CRUISING.

Jolly Party on Board Steamer Ada for Two Weeks.  
The Eagle Club, of Richmond, left last Sunday on the steamer Ada for a two-week cruise. The party, which is made up of the water in and around Norfolk and the exposition. Mr. Charles Weinburn, a member of the club, turned up in town very suddenly after a stay of only three days, giving as his excuse for desertion that the boys were too rough for him, disturbing the alarm clock, and the water, etc. Mr. Weinburn made his threats of how he would jolly the boys on the trip, but it seems that they have not only cured him of this line of talk.

The following members are on the cruise: H. E. Ayres, D. D., known as James Freeman, Captain Meadows, John Mescoe, Tim Callahan, James Boyden, Bill Reardon, Fred Hickmott, Mike O'Brien, Jimmy Baker, Charles Weinburn, John Ellis, Roy Perry, Thurman Roe, Voltz Burnard, and other honorary members who were down for the season of 1906-1907. Mr. E. O. Daugherty.

## MEETING OF POST A.

Committee on Bureau of Information Reports Progress.  
Post A, Travelers' Protective Association, held its monthly meeting last night in its regular session at the corner of Third and Main Streets. The committee on the Bureau of Information made a brief statement regarding the progress of its work, and the report indicated that three-fifths of the subscribers to the Bureau of Information had been secured. There will be a joint meeting of the committee from the post and the Retail Merchants' Association at Post A headquarters next Thursday night. The information Bureau proposition will then be further considered. A great deal of routine business was transacted last night, but it was not of interest to the public. The meeting lasted only a little over an hour.

R. F. D. MEN HERE.  
Convention of Rural Carriers to Meet in Richmond.  
The annual convention of the rural free delivery mail-carriers of Virginia will meet this morning at 10 o'clock at the Hotel Richmond. It is very prospect of a large and enthusiastic attendance.

President C. A. Connor, of Lexington, will call the convention to order, and speeches will be made by Postmaster Cabell, Congressmen Lamb and Maynor McCarthy. The president will make the opening remarks, and as many of the carriers will attend as possible. A number of matters of interest to the R. F. D. men will come up for consideration. The convention is expected to adjourn on Friday, August 30, at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Sizer's Musical.  
Owing to sickness the annual musical given by the pupils of Mrs. Sizer's music class had to be postponed in June. It is now being given at the class of the school for the session. Those receiving the medals of the school are Grace Davidson and Mary Kirsch, of the intermediate class, and Harold Hobson, of the primary class. Others receiving distinctions are Jeanne Charnault, Ruby Smith, Irma Stern, Howard Hobson, John Kirsch, White, and others. The intermediate and Junior class: Misses Sida Holstein, Marie Howard, Anna Bell, Alice, and others. The primary class: Misses Sida Holstein, Marie Howard, Anna Bell, Alice, and others.

Mrs. W. C. Butler and daughter, Thelma, and Miss Lily Butler, of No. 818 North Twenty-third Street, who has been spending some time in Florida, returned to the city home greatly improved in health.

Miss Walker Returns.  
Miss Eva Giddin Walker has returned to the city after a delightful visit to Ocean View and the Jamestown Exposition.

## MIDWINTER SERIES OF ENTERTAINMENTS

Mr. W. L. Radcliffe Proposes an Amusement at Popular Prices This Winter.

## TO BE HELD AT JEFFERSON

The Series Will Include Four Concerts, Two Popular Entertainments, and Two Lectures.

Mr. W. L. Radcliffe, manager of the Radcliffe Lyceum Bureau, of this city, under whose direction the splendid midwinter series of concerts was given in the Horse Show Building in July, has completed arrangements for a great midwinter series of popular entertainments to be given during the approaching season in the superb new auditorium of the Jefferson Hotel.

The series will include four excellent concert companies, two popular entertainments, and two lectures of world-wide renown. Season tickets, including reserved seats, are only \$3.00 for the entire series of eight attractions, if purchased before October 1st.

Opens in November.  
The opening grand concert will be given on Friday evening, November 8th, by the famous Commonwealth Ladies' Orchestra, of Boston. Ashton Lewis, who, Hekzekiah Butterworth, in the Youth's Companion, says "is the best violinist I have heard since Ole Olsen," will be the soloist in the concert. The orchestra is a most delightful lyric soprano, Evangeline Hiltz.

The second attraction, on Thursday, November 14th, will be the Hawthorne Musical Club, a novelty concert company, presenting a popular and most varied program, introducing the Swiss bells, organ chimes, xylophone, miramophone, mandolins, guitars, violins and cellos. Several humorous musical sketches complete the program, not equaled by any similar organization now before the public.

Opie Read, the famous raconteur, author, journalist and playwright, comes on Monday, December 9th. If the man who can make other people laugh is a blessing to humanity, there can be no doubt that Opie Read, the man who can make other people cry, is a blessing to the world. There are few living American story-tellers who can reproduce more perfectly than Mr. Read does, the speech, the manner, the whole social atmosphere of the rural South and West. There are few living American story-tellers who can reproduce more perfectly than Mr. Read does, the speech, the manner, the whole social atmosphere of the rural South and West.

On Monday, December 30th, Durno, "the Mysterioso," who, with his able corps of assistants, can furnish more fun and surprise for an audience in an evening's entertainment than any other attraction before the public, will make his bow to Richmond. Durno is conceded to be the equal of any magician now living.

Male Quartet.  
The famous Whitney brothers, the best male quartet in America, will give one of their grand concerts on Thursday, January 10th. The singing of these four brothers is a truly wonderful feat, for their voices blend perfectly in the concerted numbers, and yet each of the four is an excellent soloist. In company with their appearance in this city last season The Times-Dispatch said: "One of the most enjoyable occasions yet afforded the members of the Young Men's Christian Association was that of last evening, when the Whitney Brothers Quartet appeared, and with their grand voices, they sang a number of their songs, and yet each of the four is an excellent soloist. 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